

REGULAR MEETING

August 12, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Jennings City Council was convened on the 12th day of August, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Jennings City Council Chambers, 154 N. Main Street, Jennings, Louisiana with President Stephen VanHook and a quorum present.

Jennings City Council Members present: Carolyn Simon, District A; Wayne Ledbetter, District B; Carl Benoit, District C; Anthony LeBlanc, District D; Stephen VanHook, District E

Jennings City Council Members Absent: None

The Prayer was led by Ms. Simon and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. LeBlanc.

It was moved by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the July 8, 2025, Regular Meeting.

Resolution No. 1825A – a resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Jennings to declare one Jennings Police Department patrol unit as surplus equipment and to authorize him to donate the unit to the Town of Lake Arthur Police Department. It was motioned by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Ledbetter and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to introduce Resolution No. 1825A. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that this is a damaged vehicle and parts that were useable by the police department had been salvaged. Mayor Guinn stated that the vehicle would be donated to the Town of Lake Arthur. It was motioned by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Ledbetter and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to introduce and adopt Resolution No. 1825A. After no other questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to **INTRODUCE & ADOPT** Resolution No. 1825A.

Ordinance No. 1824 – an ordinance to amend Appendix A (Zoning) Part 2, Schedule of District Regulations, Section 2.5 (A-3 Single – Family Residential) and Section 2.6 (A-4 Multifamily Residential) of the Comprehensive Code of Ordinances of the City of Jennings, Louisiana. It was motioned by Mr. LeBlanc and seconded by Mr. Ledbetter to postpone consideration of Ordinance No. 1824. Mayor Henry Guinn explained that this ordinance contains bare minimum requirements, however more input on hardships and flexibility regarding this ordinance is necessary before adoption. After many comments and questions, it was carried by unanimous yeas of roll call voice vote of those in attendance to **POSTPONE** consideration of Ordinance No. 1824. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Carolyn Simon, Carl Benoit, Anthony LeBlanc, Wayne Ledbetter & Stephen VanHook. Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: None

Ordinance No. 1826 – an ordinance to adopt International Property Maintenance Codes. It was motioned by Mr. LeBlanc and seconded by Mr. Benoit to adopt Ordinance No. 1826. Mayor Guinn stated that this code contained many helpful definitions for code enforcement and provide the general public with a better understanding. After no public questions and comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of roll call voice vote of those in attendance to **ADOPT** Ordinance No. 1826. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Carolyn Simon, Carl Benoit, Anthony LeBlanc, Wayne Ledbetter & Stephen VanHook. Nays: None Abstained: None Absent: None

It was motioned by Ms. Simon and seconded by Mr. Benoit to authorize the mayor to accept the lowest responsible bidder for the Water Plant Upgrade Project. Mayor Guinn explained that the original bid received for the project was \$21,200,000 and was rejected. After some value engineering

the project was rebid. Bids were opened on May 28, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. *Volute* had the low base bid of \$13,200,000. Mayor Guinn explained that he met with the Water Sector Commission and an additional \$3,000,000 was awarded for the project. After no other questions or comments, it was carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to authorize the mayor to **ACCEPT** the lowest responsible bidder for the Water Plant Upgrade Project.

Mr. Benoit motioned, and Mr. LeBlanc seconded to receive an update on LFT Fiber. Mr. Eric Grimmett, Chief Engineer of LFT Fiber explained the status of the project. Mr. Grimmett stated that citizens can express their interest in the service at lftfiber.com.

Resolution No. 1805C is **ON HOLD**.

With no further business on the agenda, it was moved by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried by unanimous yeas of voice vote of those in attendance to ADJOURN this Regular Meeting on August 12, 2025, of the Jennings City Council at 6:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/Chad Crochet

Chad Crochet, Secretary
Jennings City Council

Stephen VanHook, President
Jennings City Council